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Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action of March 14, 2008

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 14, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 remain in this application, where claims 13-20 had been added.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,658,325 (Zweig) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0081937 (Yamada). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-20 are patentable over Zweig and Yamada for at least the following reasons.

Zweig is directed to a computerized robot with an on board internet web server. Instead of having a large number of internal sensors, the Zweig robot moves to close proximity of external sensors for communication therewith.

Yamada is directed to an electronic toy or robot which

automatically activates when the user is nearby. As recited on page 17, paragraph [0314], when an e-mail requires the use of the robot, an attached sound file is supplied to a control unit 60 of the robot. The control unit 60 of the robot demodulates the FM signal and converts this into digital data. The robot reads and displays the message. Further, the control unit 60 of the robot controls motors 205 and 206 based on operational control information and makes the robot perform operations corresponding to the message. Thus, the Yamada robot displays, reads and moves in response to the reception of an action e-mail.

It is respectfully submitted that Zweig, Yamada, and combination thereof, do not disclose or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 9 which, amongst other patentable features, recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

wherein the robot is configured to move synchronously with content being rendered by a rendering device other than the robot.

These features are nowhere taught or suggest in Zweig and Yamada, alone or in combination. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 9 should be allowable. In

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additions, claims 2-8 and 10-20 should be allowable at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 9.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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